



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

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*Town Hall Meeting*

We are pleased to offer our greetings as you gather for a town hall meeting.

Underage drinking is a serious problem with grave consequences. This dangerous habit puts our youth at risk for alcohol poisoning, addiction and drunk-driving accidents. With more than 62 percent of eleventh graders admitting to drinking alcohol in a 2004 California Student Survey, we must be persistent in discouraging this behavior.

Together with government agencies and community groups, concerned parents can help put an end to this destructive problem. Events like these foster a dialogue with our kids and are the first step toward ensuring that our minors are safe and alcohol-free. Your participation in today's meeting illustrates your concern for our children, and we thank you for your continued dedication to this noble cause.

Please accept our best wishes for a productive meeting.

  
Arnold Schwarzenegger

  
Maria Shriver